

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM**  
**PRESENT**  
**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V**  
**&**  
**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. JAYAKUMAR**

Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025 / 19th Karthika, 1947  
SSCR NO. 34 OF 2025

**IN THE MATTER OF TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD - SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER  
REPORT - SM.NO.34/2025 - REPORT REGARDING CHANGE OF POLICE CONTROLLER AT  
SANNIDHANAM DURING MANDALA-MAKARAVILAKKU SEASON 2025-26 - SUO MOTU PROCEEDINGS  
INITIATED - REG:**

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**PETITIONER:**

**SUO MOTU**

**RESPONDENTS:**

**1. STATE OF KERALA**

  
**REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY, REVENUE (DEVASWOM) DEPARTMENT,  
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695001**

**2. STATE POLICE CHIEF**

**POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, VAZHUTHACAUD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695 010**

**3. DISTRICT COLLECTOR**

**COLLECTORATE, PATHANAMTHITTA, KERALA - 689645**

**4. DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF, PATHANAMTHITTA-689 645**

**5. TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD**

**REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, NANTHANCODE KAWDIAR POST,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 003**

**6. DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER**

**TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, DEVASWOM BUILDINGS, NANTHANCODE,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN-695 005**

**7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**SABARIMALA, SABARIMALA P.O., PATHANAMTHITTA-689 662**

**\*ADDL.R8 IMPEADED**

**8. THE CHIEF POLICE CO-ORDINATOR, ADGP (HQ), THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

**\*IS SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS ADDITIONAL 8TH RESPONDENT VIDE ORDER  
DATED 10/11/2025 IN SSCR.NO.34/2025**

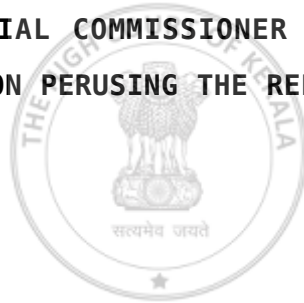
**BY SRI.S.RAJMOHAN, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER**

**BY STANDING COUNSEL FOR TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD**

**BY SMT.SAYUJYA RADHAKRISHNAN, AMICUS CURIAE FOR SABARIMALA**

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONER**

**THIS SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER REPORT HAVING COME UP FOR  
ADMISSION ON 10.11.2025, UPON PERUSING THE REPORT, THE COURT ON THE SAME  
DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:**



**RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V.,  
&  
K.V. JAYAKUMAR, JJ.**

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**SSCR No. 34 of 2025**  
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**Dated this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025**

**ORDER**

**Raja Vijayaraghavan V, J.**

This report filed by the Special Commissioner pertains to the change of Police Controller at Sannidhanam during the Mandala–Makaravilakku festival season 2025–26.

2. On a perusal of the report, we find that the officer who has now been replaced by Sri. Krishnakumar R. had been serving as the Police Controller at Sannidhanam for a continuous period extending over two decades. We are of the view that the continued posting of the same officer in such a position of responsibility for such a prolonged duration can result in institutional entrenchment, adversely affecting transparency, efficiency, and the impartial administration of the affairs.

3. Be that as it may, since the said officer has now been replaced by Sri. Krishnakumar R., APSI, KAP-1, this Court deems it appropriate that the credentials, service record, and suitability of the newly appointed officer be duly examined to ensure that he possesses the integrity, competence, and temperament required for such an important assignment.

4. In view of the above, the Chief Police Co-ordinator, ADGP (HQ), Thiruvananthapuram, is impleaded as additional 8th respondent. The

learned Government Pleader shall take notice.

5. The Registry is directed to carry out the impleadment.

6. The Chief Police Co-ordinator is hereby directed to furnish a comprehensive report to this Court detailing Sri. R.Krishnakumar's service inputs, including his performance, character, and conduct. The report shall also specifically indicate whether any adverse remarks, demerits, or disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the officer during his period of service in the department.

7. Furthermore, the Chief Police Co-ordinator shall furnish the details of all police officers currently holding critical positions at Sannidhanam and Pamba, along with the duration of their respective postings. The list shall also include the names of all officers who have been continuously posted at Sabarimala for a period exceeding two years, together with details of their current assignments.

Post on 14.11.2025.

Sd/-  
**RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V,**  
**JUDGE**

Sd/-  
**K.V. JAYAKUMAR,**  
**JUDGE**

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